

The **Parks and Recreation Board** met Monday, April 21, 2008 at 4:30pm at City Hall in the Mayor's Conference Room.

Present at said meeting were Garnet Peck, Paula Woods, Mike Dana, Karen Springer Mary Nauman and Attorney John Sorensen. Joe Payne, Pennie Ainsworth, Chris Foley, Lee Booth, Brenda Lorenz, and Cheryl Kolb represented the department. Council member Gerald Thomas was also present. Council members Gerry Keen and Ann Hunt were absent.

Garnet convened the Board at 4:31pm.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the March 17, 2008 meeting. Mike motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mary seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Superintendent – Joe reported on the following:

- Noted the Council Report was included in the mailing.
- Joe invited everyone to an Arbor Day event at Cumberland School on Tuesday, April 22, 3:30pm. On Friday morning, PEFCU, along with a class from Klondike, will be at Celery Bog for another Arbor Day event, planting a couple of large trees and seedlings.
- We have also received notification of continuing designation as a Tree City USA for urban forest work in the 2007 year.
- We had nine volunteers gather eleven bags of garlic mustard during the annual garlic mustard pull at Michaud-Sinninger Woods on Saturday. All, but one volunteer, were Purdue students.

Assistant Superintendent – Pennie reported on the following:

- The pool fence work is complete, with the exception of a few minor things. Encouraged everyone to go and see the new fence, also noting that we are hopeful it will deter people from accessing the pool after hours. Yet to be completed are the installation of two shade structures, installation of soffit, painting and landscaping.
- Softball will start the week of May 12. We have eight men's teams and thirty-six coed teams.

Parks – Lee reported on the following:

- Noted inspections were available.
- Constructed three foot-bridges in Michaud-Sinninger Woods.
- The parks were opened for the season.
- Installation of the Lincoln Park sign completed.
- Installation of coal bins at the shelters in Happy Hollow Park is complete.
- The swimming pool has been drained and cleaned, and is being prepared for filling.
- Prepared and implemented the turn-on of the Margerum fountain for the season.
- Clean up is continuing of landscape beds, along with beginning the mowing schedule.

- **Recreation** – Chris reported on the following:

- Summer registration is underway for the West Lafayette city residents. We mailed 4,089 summer brochures on Tuesday, and the first registration came in Thursday's mail. Mail-in registrations remain the quickest way to register, due to limited staff and phone lines. Open walk-in registration will begin Thursday, April 24.

- Summer staffing for the pool and summer camp is nearly complete.
- We are busy preparing for the pool.

Morton Center – Brenda reported on the following:

- Winter/Spring 2008 registration figures have been compiled. Our enrollment figures show a decrease of 6.9% for the first quarter of the year.
- WALLA has completed their classes. They had 199 people enrolled for their spring session.
- Morton's Spring Dance Recital will be held Saturday, April 26 at the Loeb Playhouse at 4:00pm. Complimentary tickets to the recital are available to anyone interested after the meeting today.
- West Lafayette Parks & Recreation is a member of The Coalition for Living Well after 50. The Coalition is holding Active Living Day in collaboration with Area IV's Senior Movie Fun Day on Wednesday, May 14. There is a \$1.00 admission fee to the movie theater, Eastside 9. Wellness booths will be in the lobby between 8:00-9:30am. The movie begins at 9:30am. After the movie, a free lunch at noon will be available at Columbian Park. There will be door prizes. Following lunch, participants may listen to a gardening presentation or participate in a fitness walk around the park.

Old Business

Boilermaker Aquatics Request

Joe reported he received a response from John Willis. They discussed it as a board and decided they would take one of their other options.

Draft Morton Rental Proposal

Brenda reported the previously discussed contract is undergoing fine-tuning, and will be presented at a future meeting.

New Business

Request for Use of Outdoor Basketball Courts

Pennie noted we received a request for exclusive use of the basketball courts at Cumberland Park from Travis Dorsch for a profitable basketball tournament, King of the Courts, on July 26. As a staff, we discussed that use of the courts would prevent use of the south shelter at Cumberland Park; therefore we believed it would be appropriate to charge for use of the shelter for the entire day, at \$78.00 for the entire day. Travis Dorsch presented further information regarding the event. Following discussion, Mike motioned approval for exclusive use of the shelter and basketball courts for a fee of \$150.00 on July 26, 2008. Mary seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Celery Bog Nature Area Research Proposal

Joe noted he responded to Dan Shepardson regarding interest by a graduate student in the Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, in conducting an amphibian study in Celery Bog Nature Area as partial fulfillment for a master's degree. Joe told Dan he wanted to make sure that they incorporated the water quality data from the two-year study previously conducted through an IDEM EPA grant. Previous water quality

monitoring, after working with Wal-Mart on the biofiltration ponds and with Pete Dye on the golf course proved we had significantly improved the water quality in the bog. Following discussion with the board members, Mike motioned to approve the study as presented. Mary seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

West Lafayette School Board – Karen reported on the following:

- The Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) approved the 1.7 million General Obligation Bonds for the Cumberland School classroom addition. The project timeline calls for bid awarding at the June 4 Board meeting with construction to begin this summer. Anticipated completion is for the end of April 2009.
- The Burtfield site timeline for asbestos removal has been developed, with completion this summer.
- There are many end-of-year activities planned for April & May. The last day of school is a half-day, Friday, May 23.
- The Parent Council will be sponsoring a reception at the West Lafayette High School for retiring teachers on Friday, May 23 at 3:00pm. The retirees consist of the following:
Happy Hollow, Grade 6 – Mick Lyle
Jr/Sr High School – Linda Anderson, Jan Hesser, Sue MacOwen, Tom Shafer, Bob Troyer, Vera Weiser, & Janice Wheeler-Cowen.
- The High School Musical was this past weekend – English Baroque opera, Dido & Aeneas. The starring female role of Queen Dido was Stephanie Dana. It was an outstanding production by the students, teachers, and parents.

Wabash River

Paula reported work on Riverfest is underway. Mike reported the Wabash River Enhancement Corporation announced the first phase of the River Corridor Master Plan will be done by a firm out of Philadelphia, along with local cooperation, and will be moving ahead soon. They will be trying to accomplish some items such as bank stabilization and other sorts of economic and recreational developments. Joe noted we'd be working with the Master Planning team for at least a couple of days during the first week of May.

Other

Taste of Tippecanoe

Joe presented a new color graphic for the layout of the Taste of Tippecanoe. The arrangements for Tapawingo Park will essentially be the same as in the past. At this time, they are not planning to use the Overlook for fireworks or Riverside Skating Center this year. They are trying to keep everything outside this year.

West Lafayette Public Library

Pennie presented a request from the library for their summer reading program, "Catch the Reading Bug". As in past years, they are requesting forty single admissions to the pool, totaling a value of \$100.00. Mike motioned to approve the request as presented. Karen seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Pony League Request

Pennie presented a request from the Pony League for use of the softball field for their summer league play from March 28-July 3, 2008. Games are scheduled for Tuesdays and Fridays. They have currently been practicing and using the lights for the field. Mike motioned to approve the request from the Pony League as presented. Mary seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Joe noted the Redevelopment Commission will be meeting tomorrow at 8:30am. They will be considering the resolution for the appropriation from the KCB TIF fund for improving the third field in Cumberland Park.

Petty Cash and Cash/Change Funds

Chris requested approval to establish the following:

1. Cash/Change Fund for \$150.00 for the Morton Dance Concert from the Nonreverting Operating Fund to revert back no later than November 28, 2008.
2. Cash/Change Fund for \$150.00 for the Municipal Pool from the Nonreverting Operating Fund to revert back no later than November 28, 2008.
3. Petty Cash Fund for \$150.00 for the Playground Program from the Nonreverting Operating Fund to revert back no later than November 28, 2008.

Mike motioned to approve the requests for Petty Cash and Cash/Change Funds as presented. Karen seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Pay Claims

Paula motioned for claims to be paid. Mike seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm. Mike motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mary seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Pennie reminded everyone the meeting next month will be at the Lilly Nature Center.

Presiding Officer

Secretary